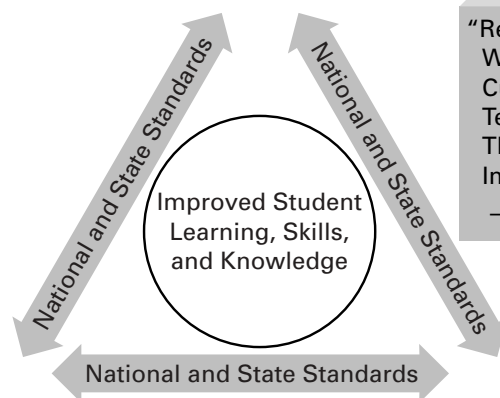


# The Cisco **Networking** Academy: Partnering with Educators to Change the Way We Learn

It is no secret that student learning occurs best when curriculum, assessment, and instruction are aligned and reinforcing of each other. Through an innovative partnership with educators, government, and industry, the Cisco Networking Academy Program is demonstrating how best to leverage the power of the Internet for student learning.

## **Curriculum**

- Basic and Advanced Information Technology (IT) Skills
- Prepares Students for Industry IT Certification and Higher Education in Engineering and Computer Science
- Delivered in Engaging Multimedia Formats
- Hands-On Lab Exercises
- Designed for Individual and Small Group Work
- Accessible Anytime, Anywhere with an Internet Connection



"Real Accountability Comes With Well Designed Curriculum, Well Prepared Teachers and a System That Enables Continuous Improvement."  
—Linda Darling-Hammond

## **Instruction**

- Meaningful Integration of Technology into Teaching and Learning
- Intensive Staff Development for Local Teachers and Instructors
- Active Online Community of Teachers and Instructors
- 24/7 Technical Support
- Availability of Real-Time Student Performance Data to Guide Instruction

## **Assessment**

- Tightly Aligned with Curriculum and Instruction
- Interactive, Multimedia Online Exams
- Hands-On Performance Assessments
- Ongoing Feedback to Students and Teachers as Students Progress Through the Curriculum
- Real-Time Accountability Information Available to Policymakers and Administrators

The Networking Academy *curriculum* is developed by industry leaders in information technology, provides hands-on opportunities to practice real-world skills, and is benchmarked to industry certification standards as well as to national and state standards. With ongoing support from the community of Academy teachers, *instruction* is delivered by experienced educators who have demonstrated mastery of the curriculum themselves and can customize lesson plans to align with state and national standards. *Assessments* are embedded into the curriculum, align with standards, and provide immediate and ongoing feedback to students and teachers.

Currently, over 400,000 students participate in more than 10,000 Cisco Networking Academies in over 150 countries around the world. To learn more about this innovative approach to education, visit the following Web sites:

Cisco Networking Academy Program

[www.cisco.com/edu/academy](http://www.cisco.com/edu/academy)

Locating a Networking Academy Program

[www.cisco.com/edu/academylocator](http://www.cisco.com/edu/academylocator)

Standards Alignment Database

<http://standards.netacad-currdev.net/home/default.asp>

